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Remarks/Arguments


Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-15, 17-20, 24 and 26 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 17 are presently amended. Claims 6, 10, 16, 21-23 and 25 are canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 8, 10 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to claim all of the features of the base claim and an intervening claims in the Office Action dated 8/16/2005 and the Office Action dated 12/21/2005.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 (as originally presented) to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 10 and claim 17 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 21. Under 37 CFR 1.116(b) after a final rejection, "an amendment may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action." Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 1 and 17. Because claims 2-5, 7-9, and 11-15, depend upon claim 1 claims 2-5, 7-9, and 11-15 are patentable for at least similar reasons to claim 1. Because claims 18-20, 24 and 26 depend upon claim 17, claims 18-20, 24 and 26 are patentable for at least similar reasons to claim 17.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance of all presently pending claims is respectfully requested. Any fees or charges due as a result of filing of the present paper may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

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